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1. AS REPORTED IN REFTTEL, MINISTER OF COMMERCE NORGAARD
WILL BE VISITING WASHINGTON IN FEBRUARY TO ATTEND THE 1978
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ENERGY CONSERVATION.

2. INASMUCH AS NORGAARD WILL BE TALKING TO HIGH-LEVEL
AMERICAN OFFICIALS DURING THE CONFERENCE, AND PERHAPS
OUTSIDE IT, WE THINK IT USEFUL FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO BE
AWARE OF THE FOLLOWING VIEWS ON THE DANISH NUCLEAR ENERGY
PICTURE WHICH NORGAARD RECENTLY EXPRESSED IN A CONVERSA-
TION WITH THE AMBASSADOR:

A. DENMARK WILL NOT AUTHORIZE ATOMIC ENERGY PLANTS
IN THIS COUNTRY UNTIL THE WASTE DISPOSAL PROBLEM IS
SOLVED. GEORGRAPHICAL AND GEOLOGICAL CONDITIONS PRE-
CLUDE DISPOSAL IN DENMARK. FURTHERMORE, THIS IS THE
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ISSUE WHICH MIGHT TIP A REFERENDUM ON ATOMIC ENERGY
IN FAVOR OF ITS OPPONENTS.

B. DENMARK IS KEENLY INTERESTED IN PRESIDENT
CARTER'S OCTOBER 18 OFFER OF POSSIBLE STORAGE OF
NUCLEAR WASTES IN THE UNITED STATES. IF THE UNITED
STATES COULD GIVE DENMARK A STORAGE COMMITMENT, THE
PRIME MINISTER IS PREPARED TO HOLD A REFERENDUM ON

INTRODUCING NUCLEAR ENERGY INTO DENMARK. NUCLEAR ENERGY, WHICH THE GOVERNMENT BASICALLY FAVORS, WILL BE A POLITICAL ISSUE NEXT SPRING.

C. THE DANES PREFER TO COOPERATE WITH THE UNITED STATES IN THE NUCLEAR FIELD. IF THE UNITED STATES CANNOT BE HELPFUL ON THE WASTE PROBLEM, HOWEVER, DENMARK MAY HAVE TO LOOK TO GERMANY, FRANCE, OR ELSEWHERE, WHICH COULD RESULT IN AN EVENTUAL LOSS TO U.S. OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY AND EQUIPMENT.
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